

Date: April 24, 2012

To: The Ways and Means Committee

From: Tlaloc Tokuda

Subject: Extension of the PTC

Dear Madams/Sirs,

I, Tlaloc Tokuda, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible. While I am now retired, my career revolved around renewable energy. I have worked as a solar technician in Micronesia, a renewable energy researcher at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, and as a lecturer at University New South Wales (Gen Studies) Australia, in renewable energy, efficiency, and globalization.

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At a time when Congress is giving the rich a hefty tax break which often does not trickle down to the masses, Congress can do something that will trickle down to the masses: promote renewables by extending the PTC. The PTC has spurred millions of dollars in private investment across America in the past five years, and an extension will enable the industry to continue to do so. Renewables create far more employment than nuclear or other fossil fuel industries. Additionally, wind and other renewables are sustainable.

America must recapture its status as the leader of renewables and wind. Earlier Administrations have worked towards this. President Carter established a [national energy policy](#) that included conservation, price control, and new technology. He created many policies that promoted energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy, including the [Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act](#) (PURPA), which created the independent power producers. PURPA was the piece of legislation (along with Carter's newly created Department of Energy) that gave the US its creative edge in creating new wind turbines. This led to California leading the nation and world in wind energy. However, under the Reagan and the

Bush Administrations, these policy trends were reversed. The US has now lost its lead in wind and other renewables.

Millionaires, nuclear (which still gets the lion's share of federal subsidies) and fossil fuels are not going to save America. Renewables and wind will push in this direction.

Again, I respectfully urge the Committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.

Sincerely yours,

Tlaloc Tokuda